

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 30 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus comprising:

attribute data holding means for holding plural attribute data concerning image data or voice data; and

recording means, when the image data or the voice data is recorded, for automatically associating predetermined attribute data from among the plural attribute data previously held by said attribute data holding means with the image data or the voice data and then performing the recording,

wherein the attribute data to be held by said attribute data holding means is held on a first map file,

wherein the attribute data to be associated with the image data or the voice data to be recorded is held on a second map file; and

wherein when the image data or the voice data is recorded, the predetermined attribute data from among the attribute data held on said first map file is copied onto said second map file and associated with the image data or the voice data to be recorded.

29. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein the attribute data to be automatically associated is held on a nondetachable built-in recording medium.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim ~~30~~ 28, wherein said first map file is held on a nondetachable built-in recording medium, and said second map file is held on a recording medium also used to hold the image data or the voice data to be recorded.

32. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 28, further comprising input means for externally inputting or editing attribute information to be added to the data automatically associated when the image data or the voice data is recorded.

33. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein the attribute data to be automatically associated with the image data includes designation of an image processing means.

34. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein the attribute data to be automatically associated with the image data includes information for designating setting of said recording apparatus.

35. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein the attribute data to be automatically associated with the image data includes arbitrary character information.

36. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to Claim 28, wherein the attribute data to be automatically associated with the voice data includes a setting name of said recording apparatus.

37. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim ~~30~~ 28, wherein the predetermined attribute data from said first map file is copied onto said second map file only when the predetermined attribute data does not exist on said second map file.

38. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to Claim ~~30~~ 28, wherein said first map file includes a recording mode table which comprises setting attribute information of said recording apparatus corresponding to plural recording modes together with a correspondence between the recording modes and the setting attribute information held,

in the recording, when the setting attribute information corresponding to the recording mode being selected exists on said second map file, the recording image or recording voice is associated with the setting attribute information on said second map file, and

in the recording, when the setting attribute information corresponding to the

recording mode being selected does not exist on said second map file, the recording image or the recording voice is associated with the setting attribute information on said second map file after the setting attribute information is copied from said first map file onto said second map file.

39. (Currently Amended) A recording method comprising:

an attribute data holding step of holding plural attribute data concerning image data or voice data; and

a recording step, when the image data or the voice data is recorded, of automatically associating predetermined attribute data from among the plural attribute data previously held in said attribute data holding step with the image data or the voice data and then performing the recording,

wherein the attribute data to be held by said attribute data holding step is held on a first map file,

wherein the attribute data to be associated with the image data or the voice data to be recorded is held on a second map file, and

wherein when the image data or the voice data is recorded, the predetermined attribute data from among the attribute data held on said first map file is copied onto said second map file and associated with the image data or the voice data to be recorded.

40. (Currently Amended) A storage medium which computer-readably

stores a program to achieve a recording method comprising:

an attribute data holding step of holding plural attribute data concerning image data or voice data; and

a recording step, when the image data or the voice data is recorded, of automatically associating predetermined attribute data from among the plural attribute data previously held in said attribute data holding step with the image data or the voice data and then performing the recording,

wherein the attribute data to be held by said attribute data holding step is held on a first map file,

wherein the attribute data to be associated with the image data or the voice data to be recorded is held on a second map file, and

wherein when the image data or the voice data is recorded, the predetermined attribute data from among the attribute data held on said first map file is copied onto said second map file and associated with the image data or the voice data to be recorded.

41. (Currently Amended) A computer-executable program stored on a computer-readable medium for achieving a recording method comprising:

an attribute data holding step of holding plural attribute data concerning image data or voice data; and

a recording step, when the image data or the voice data is recorded, of automatically associating predetermined attribute data from among the plural attribute data

previously held in said attribute data holding step with the image data or the voice data then performing the recording,

wherein the attribute data to be held by said attribute data holding step is held on a first map file,

wherein the attribute data to be associated with the image data or the voice data to be recorded is held on a second map file, and

wherein when the image data or the voice data is recorded, the predetermined attribute data from among the attribute data held on said first map file is copied onto said second map file and associated with the image data or the voice data to be recorded.